

The project has been classified as a Category A project in accordance with the IIC Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy, given that it could produce the following negative environmental impacts: i) alteration of air quality due to construction activities and subsequently as a result of increased traffic; ii) erosion due to planned movements of land; iii) increased noise and vibration levels due to the use of heavy equipment and, subsequently, increased traffic; iv) loss of vegetation and forest cover with possible impacts on fauna, flora and natural habitats; and v) alteration in the quality and flow of water and local hydrology, a particularly important aspect in construction of the tunnels.

The main impacts in the social arena are related to: i) increased spontaneous migration in the search for better economic and employment opportunities, with the resulting increase in the demand for basic sanitation and health services; ii) increased property values of lands adjacent to the project with a potential impact on speculation in the real estate market; iii) interruption or diversion of traffic; iv) physical or economic displacement of the population as a result of the release of the right of way; and ix) possible change in the population's living conditions due, among other factors, to increased dynamism in the local economy, the creation of new jobs, and the acquisition of land.

In accordance with Colombian legislation, the UF2 functional unit requires that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) be conducted and submitted to the National Environmental Licenses Authority (ANLA) as a step prior to obtaining its environmental license while the other UFs (UF1 and UF3,4,5,6,7, and 8) only required preparation of Plans for Adaptation to the Environmental Guidelines (PAGA), given that the scope corresponds to rehabilitation and improvement activities only. These other UFs require approval and permits from the regional environmental corporations (CAR) of Cundinamarca and Tolima.

Both the EIA and the PAGA include various plans to prevent, mitigate, correct and/or offset undesired impacts. IDB Invest intends to contract an independent environmental and social consultant to help in the Environmental and Social Due Diligence (ESDD), process, evaluate probable environmental risks, confirm the project's categorization, review management plans for mitigating risks, and define a project environmental and social action plan (ESAP). During the ESDD, the IIC will visit the project site and will evaluate the environmental, social, and health and safety system to be adopted, including the related plans and procedures; will inspect the planned or operational sites of encampments and industrial areas; will verify the scope of the socialization process; will evaluate the basic information; and will review how project-related social and labor issues are being managed.

An Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) will be prepared and published on this website once the ESDD process has been completed.

## Contact Information

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